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## News Release



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**April 18, 2007**

### **GRAND JURY INDICTS HOUSTON MAN FOR PREPARING FALSE TAX RETURNS**

[HOUSTON, TX] – Karey Bernard Statin, of Houston, TX, has been charged in a 15-count indictment with aiding and assisting in the preparation of false income tax returns, United States Attorney Don DeGabrielle announced today.

With the return of the indictment on Thursday, April 12, 2007, a federal warrant for Statin's arrest issued. Statin was arrested by IRS agents today.

The indictment accuses Statin of preparing tax returns which claimed false income and expenses on Schedule C (Profit or Loss from a Business), inflating amount of the earned income credit on some tax returns and , claiming false Schedule A deductions on other returns for the years 2000, 2001, and 2002.

Each of the 15 counts carry a maximum punishment of three (3) years imprisonment and a maximum criminal fine of \$250,000, upon conviction.

The case will be prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney David Peck.

The investigation leading to the charges was conducted by special agents of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Internal Revenue Service.

The public is reminded that an indictment is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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